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Leakage of Aadhaar Data
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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of leakage of Aadhaar data from various Government Departments;

(b) if so, the number of instances of Aadhaar data leakages noticed from various Government departments and agencies;

(c) whether private players have acquired Aadhaar data including biometric details of customers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) and (b): There has been no leakage of Aadhaar data from UIDAI. However, it was found that around 210 websites of Central Government, State Government Departments including educational institutes were displaying the list of beneficiaries along with their name, address, other details and Aadhaar numbers for information of general public. UIDAI has taken note of the same and is regularly monitoring the status to get the Aadhaar data removed from the said websites.

(c) and (d): Private players have not acquired any Aadhaar Data including biometrics from UIDAI. The sharing of Aadhaar information is done only with authorized KYC User Agencies (KUAs)/ Authentication User Agencies (AUAs) (both can be Government or private agencies), through authorized secure applications after following well established security procedures and protocols. The sharing of Aadhaar information is regulated in terms of the Aadhaar (Sharing of Information) Regulations, 2016, framed under the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016.